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TAGS: US, SP, ETRN
SUBJ: NTSB TEAM IN SPAIN

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1. NTSB TEAM MEMBER, LUIS CARMONA, CONTACTED EMBASSY MORNING OF JULY 15 TO SEEK GUIDANCE. CARMONA SAID HIS INSTRUCTIONS WERE TO OBSERVE AND EXCHANGE INFORMATION ONLY NOT TO INVESTIGATE. U.S. INTEREST, HE SAID, STEMS FROM U.S. PROBLEM WITH SIMILAR ACCIDENTS. EMBASSY CONCURRED WITH HIS INTENTION TO OBSERVE ACCIDENT SITE OVER THE WEEKEND AND INSTRUCTED HIM TO CONTACT US JULY 17 TO ASSURE THAT NTSB ACTIVITIES IN SPAIN ARE APPROVED BY AND COORDINATED WITH SPANISH NATIONAL INTERMINISTERIAL COMMISSION (COMISION NACIONAL DE SEGURIDAD VIAL) WHICH IS CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION OF ACCIDENT.

2. PRIOR TO ARRIVAL IN SPAIN OF NTSB TEAM, EMBASSY INFORMED GOS FOREIGN MINISTRY OF NTSB OFFER OF ASSISTANCE (NO RESPONSE FORTHCOMING AS YET) AND INFORMED JOSE LUIS GARCIA LOPEZ, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF LAND TRANSPORT IN TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY OF IMPENDING NTSB TEAM VISIT. GARCIA LOPEZ HAD NO PROBLEM WITH PRESENCE OF NTSB TEAM, BUT SUGGESTED THAT ALL UNCLASSIFIED

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ACTIVITIES BE COORDINATED WITH COMISION NACIONAL DE SEGURIDAD VIAL WHICH IS CHARGED WITH MELDING EFFORTS OF NATIONAL BODIES, BOTH GOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE, AND REPRESENTATIVES OF FOREIGN TRANSPORTATION SAFETY ORGANIZATIONS.

3. NTSB TEAM MEMBER CARMONA AGREED TO OBSERVE ONLY

OVER THE WEEKEND AND TO CONTACT EMBASSY JULY 17 FOR
FURTHER GUIDANCE FOR CLEARING AND COORDINATING NTSB
ACTIVITIES WITH THOSE OF OFFICIAL NATIONAL INTER-
MINISTERIAL COMMISSION IN CHARGE OF ACCIDENT
INVESTIGATION.

4. EMBASSY WILL MAINTAIN CLOSE CONTACT WITH BOTH GOS
AND NTSB TEAM TO ASSURE THAT U.S. ACTIVITIES ARE
APPROVED BY AND COORDINATED WITH RESPONSIBLE GOS BODIES.
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